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Missouri

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1830 by LeGrave. In 1855, this same LeGrave purchased the Jean Baptiste Valle house [HABS No. MO-1106]. Local tradition says this house was designed after a French chateau. The medieval details of its exterior design combined with the Greek Revival mantels in the parlors suggest an interesting Missouri variation of the Gothic Revival.

The porch is not original, though the chimney pots are among the few to survive in the community. Casement windows with original shutters called "Venetian blinds" are interesting in comparison with the panelled shutters used at some of the other windows. Entrance door was originally more slender than usual in doors of American design, but the proportions are altered as part of the bottom has been sawed off.

Parlor mantel of a white stone which may be, or at least resembles, white marble. (Compare with mantel in the Felix Valle [HABS No. MO-31-11] and Josiah Millard [HABS No. MO-1122] houses in Ste. Genevieve.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.

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